THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.8337of 2007

Date: 20.04.2007

Between:

Landa Appa Rao and another.

....Petitioners

And

Government of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Secretary, Revenue, Secretariat, Hyderabad and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioners 1 and 2 are said to be the owners and possessors of land admeasuring Ac.0.011 cents and Ac.0.012 cents respectively in Survey No.22/A part of Landagaruvu, Adivivaram Village, Chinnagadili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that they intended to sell the said property and accordingly, entered into an agreement of sale with the intending purchaser. According to them, the said agreement of sale was presented to the second respondent for registration. The grievance of the petitioners is that the second respondent is not entertaining the document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was

held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]***.***

Once the sole basis for the second respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to receive and process the document presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Date: 20.04.2007
Note: Issue C.C. in one week.
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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77